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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 20, 2002, consideration of the following Remarks is respectfully requested. A response to the Restriction Requirement was originally due December 20, 2002. However, Applicants did not receive the Restriction Requirement until January 8, 2003, because the original Restriction Requirement had been sent to the wrong address. Applicants are concurrently submitting a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a) Requesting Withdrawal of Holding of Abandonment, attached herewith as Exhibit A. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending. The Examiner alleges that the claims are directed to three distinct and independent inventions as follows: